

House Resolution 371

By: Representatives Glanton of the 76th and Baker of the 78th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Clayton County Water Authority and inviting them to
2 appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Clayton County Water Authority (CCWA) in Atlanta, Georgia, has achieved
4 great success in the area of water management and continues to meet the water needs of the
5 citizens of Clayton County even during drought conditions; and

6 WHEREAS, the CCWA has implemented a total watershed management (TWM) approach
7 to water management which integrates management of watersheds, water supply resources,
8 effective land-use practices, and other available resources to provide enough water while
9 considering equitable economic and social issues; and

10 WHEREAS, the innovative TWM approach utilized by the CCWA is one of the most
11 successful water and wastewater planning models in the state; and

12 WHEREAS, despite the rapidly increasing population in the area of Clayton County and the
13 limitations on water supply due to weather and changes in land use, the CCWA has been able
14 to maximize the area's limited water supply, maintain compliance with stringent federal and
15 state regulations, and increase customer service at a reasonable cost to CCWA customers;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the use of six TWM principles by the CCWA has been instrumental in the
18 authority's progress and includes defining the goals and objectives of the TWM plan,
19 collecting and analyzing data to support the development plan, evaluating and selecting
20 alternatives to be analyzed during the planning process, selecting models to perform the
21 TWM analysis, conducting impact assessments on the plan and including stakeholder
22 involvement, and developing an implementation plan, monitoring results, and establishing
23 an institutional framework; and

24 WHEREAS, as a result of the CCWA's aggressive use of TWM, the authority maintained a
25 water supply in its surface water reservoirs in excess of 200 days throughout the most
26 extreme periods of drought seen by this state; and

27 WHEREAS, currently, the CCWA plans to expand its constructed wetlands system to allow
28 for a large boost in capacity and ensure the creation of a drought-proof system for the county;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, over the past two years, the CCWA has demonstrated that the TWM approach
31 to water management allows utilities to protect and sustain the state's most valuable asset,
32 water.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend the Clayton County Water Authority on its remarkable
35 implementation of the total watershed management principles and invite them to appear
36 before the House of Representatives at an appropriate date and time to be designated by the
37 Speaker of the House.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Clayton County Water
40 Authority.